



Mansfield Middle School Association
May 2, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:13.

Those in attendance:

Allison Altieri, Edmond Chibeau, Kimberly Clark, Jeff Cryan, Lisa Drzewiecki, Sheryl Lambert, Kelly McCormick, Megan Meikle, Jeannette Picard, Ruth Washington

President Edmond Chibeau brought the meeting to order.

Reports

President: Edmond noted that he would be stepping down as president at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. He also discussed the upcoming Applebee's Pancake Breakfast fundraiser set for May 28th. Tickets are sold at \$5.00 with \$4.00 going directly to the sponsoring group. Sheryl Lambert is the coordinator for the event. (Note: The event was held over the Memorial Day weekend and raised over \$600 for the MMSA and our school.)

Vice-President: Allison Altieri reviewed a number of activities.

- The magazine drive and History Day were successful.
- Plans were made for Teacher Appreciation Day on May 13th. Diane Briody and Karen Burnham would be contacted to help coordinate refreshments.
- Plans were discussed for the Eighth Grade Promotion ceremony, June 21st. Traditionally parents of seventh graders help to host a post-ceremony reception which can serve up to 800 people. \$500 has been budgeted for students' boutonnieres and balloons
- Allison noted that an additional meeting will need to be held in order to act on nominations for officers and committee chairs for the 2011-2012 school year. The meeting was scheduled for June 7th and 7:00 pm. Nominating forms will be distributed, to be returned by June 1st.

Treasurer: Megan Meikle reviewed general treasury balances:

- Total Balance

Secretary: Jeannette Picard was unable to attend the full meeting due to a conflict at her school. The secretary's report was accepted unanimously.

Administrative: Jeff Cryan reported on a number of issues:

- Successful spring activities have come to completion, including the student trip to China, the Robotics Club trip to Orlando, and History Day. The robotics team was 16th out of 150 competitors and two MMS students will be going to National History Day this June.
- Changes in staffing for 2011-2012:
 - Mme Levesque, French, is on medical leave, and will retire at the end of the school year.
 - Judy Baxter, Gr 5, Sci/SS, is retiring.
 - Norma Posocco is retiring.
 - Deb St. Jean, will be moving to the 8th Grade team to teach LA/SS
- Linda Robinson, Library/Media Specialist is coordinating the middle school's summer reading program with the town library. This year's theme is "One World, Many Stories". The libraries are also asking each parent-teacher association for a donation toward a "worthy request." The MMSA will donate \$80 toward the MMS Student Activity Fund (\$20 per grade) to provide reading related prizes for participants in the summer reading program.
- The town and school budget will go to vote at the annual town meeting. The budget is set for \$20,500,000 with the largest line items including salaries, transportation costs, fuel/heating, and instructional supplies.. (Note: The budget passed at the town meeting in May. However, a referendum is held if a petition with sufficient signatures is submitted.)

Faculty Representative: Kelly McCormick reported on a number of activities:

- Successful trips to China and the robotics competition in Orlando, FL were again recognized
- Pond investigations will be completed by sixth graders
- Field Day will be held on June 20th from 11 am to 3 pm. Parent volunteers are needed for this event to be successful.
- All students attended an in-school performance of *Hansel and Gretel* in April – funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.

Next meeting scheduled for June 7th and 7:00 pm..

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Picard

Secretary (pending approval at our next meeting)